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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RECONSTRUCTING ABERRATED IMAGE PROFILES THROUGH SIMULATION

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## Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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1. $\boxtimes$ This communication is responsive to <u>After Final filed 06/06</u>	<u>5/2011</u> .	
2. X The allowed claim(s) is/are 16-20 and 30-41.		
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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This communication is responsive to After Final filed (in response to the Notice of Panel Decision mailed on 05/05/2011) filed on 06/06/2011.

2. Claims 1-15, 21-29, and 42-49 are canceled. Claims 16-20, and 30-41 are presented for examination.

## **Priority**

3. Applicant's claim for the benefit of a prior-filed application (the present application is US National stage application of PCT/US04/04854, filed on February 20, 2004, which claims priority to US Provisional Application No. 60/449,514 filed on February 21, 2003) under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) is acknowledged and the priority date is February 21, 2003.

### Response to Arguments

4. Applicants have canceled all the rejected claims and leave only the allowed claims. Therefore, the rejection is withdrawn in view of the cancellation of all the rejected claims.

## Allowable Subject Matter

- 5. Claims 16-20 and 30-41 are allowed over a prior art.
- 6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 16-20 and 30-41 are considered allowable since reading the claims in light of the specification, none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in the independent claims, specifically:
  - a. As per Claim 16, the limitation of:

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building response surface functional relations using the processor of the one or more computing devices between variables of lens characteristics and an image profile of interest using the simulation calculations;

wherein the building steps include: providing a fitting function expressed as:

$$I_{\text{sox}}(x) = b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + b_3 x^3 + \dots + b_n x^n$$

where  $I_{spx}$  is aerial image intensity or amplitude at a simulation pixel (spx) and x indicates defocus; and

expressing a change of the coefficients  $b_0 \dots b_n$  described by an order fitting function expressed as:

$$b_{i(wih\_abservation)} = b_{i(win\_abservation)} + \sum_{j=1}^{2n} \Delta b_i(\mathcal{E} j)$$

$$=b_{i(wls\_aberrasion)} + \sum_{j=2}^{2n} \varphi_{0(i,j)} + \varphi_{i(i,j)} e_j + \varphi_{2(i,j)} e_j^2 + \varphi_{3(i,j)} e_j^3 + .... + \varphi_{n(i,j)} e_j^n$$

wherein

$$i = 0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots, n$$

 $b_{i(w)b}$  aberrations and  $b_{i(w)c}$  aberration) represents one of the coefficients  $b_0 \dots b_n$  influenced by lens aberrations and the coefficients  $b_0 \dots b_n$  without aberrations, respectively, and

 $\Delta bi$  indicates the change in coefficients and is expressed by an  $n^{th}$  order fitting function of jth Zernike coefficient  $c_h$ 

 $\Theta_{\theta(\theta)} \cdots \Theta_{\theta(\theta)} = \underline{\varphi_{\theta(\theta)} \cdots \varphi_{\theta(\theta)}}$  are the coefficients of the fitting function, determined

following the performing step of setup simulations of image profile as a function of regularly iterated values of lens aberration.

(as defined in specification page 34 line 15 through page 37 line 23).

## b. As per Claim 30, the limitation of:

"building response surface functional relations between variables of the image configuration characteristics and the image profile of interest using the simulation calculations data input to be fit using:

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$$t_{sas}(x) = b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + b_3 x^3 + \dots + b_n x^n$$

where  $I_{spx}$  is acrial image intensity or amplitude at a simulation pixel (spx) and x indicates defocus; and

expressing a change of the coefficients  $b_{\theta}$  ...  $b_n$  described by an order fitting function expressed as:

$$b_{t(w)b_{ij}}$$
 absertation)  $= b_{t(w)a_{ij}}$  absertation)  $+ \sum_{j=1}^{2n} \Delta b_{j}(cj)$ 

$$=b_{i(w(B),aherranium)} + \sum_{j=2}^{2n} \varphi_{b(i,j)} + \varphi_{b(i,j)}e_j + \varphi_{2(i,j)}e_j^2 + \varphi_{3(i,j)}e_j^3 + \dots + \varphi_{b(i,j)}e_j^k$$

wherein

 $b_{ij\phi ijb, abstration}$ , and  $b_{ij\phi/a}$  abstration, represents one of the coefficients  $b_0 \dots b_n$  influenced by lens abstrations and the coefficients  $b_0 \dots b_n$  without abstrations, respectively, and

 $\Delta bi$  indicates the change in coefficients and is expressed by an  $n^{th}$  order fitting function of jth Zernike coefficient  $c_b$ 

 $\theta_{\theta(ij)} \cdots \theta_{\theta(ij)} \underline{\varphi_{\theta(ij)} \cdots \varphi_{\theta(ij)}}$  are the coefficients of the fitting function, determined following the performing step of setup simulations of image profile as a function of regularly iterated values of lens aberration.

(as defined in specification page 34 line 15 through page 37 line 23).

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#### Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KIBROM GEBRESILASSIE whose telephone number is (571)272-8571. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9-5.

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